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1. Since 1945, the number of troops in the Panzerjaeger Kaserne in Borna (N 52/K 39) has been fluctuating between 2,000 and 2,800 men from units equipped with tanks and armored scout cars. A Soviet officer said on 7 March 1951 that, at present, the installation quartered about 2,800 troops. Soldiers observed wore red-bordered black epaulets, some with tank insignia. Twenty-five tanks were allegedly stationed there. They had come by rail at about the beginning of February 1951. Another shipment of tanks was expected to arrive.

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Three watchtowers at the west side of the barracks installation were occupied after nightfall by guards with searchlights. *

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2. A guard unit of about 300 soldiers wearing black-bordered red epaulets was located in the Volkshaus 450 meters northeast of the Panzerjaeger Kaserne. The unit was equipped with three motor vehicles, and performed guard duty at the plants in Böhlen and Espenhain. There was no training activity. Sentries wore red-bordered black epaulets. **

3. A hillside 500 meters northwest of the Panzerjaeger Kaserne and west of the Borna-Leipzig railroad line was used as a training field. An ammunition dump was south of it. Both the training field and the dump were used primarily by troops stationed in the Panzerjaeger Kaserne. ***

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- * Comment. No other information is available to compare with the statement that 2,000 troops were located in the Panzerjaeger Kaserne. It is possible that, besides the 1st Gds Tank Regt of the 8th Gds Mocz Div which has been confirmed there, and the division's 8th Gds Mtrcl Bn which is believed to be stationed there, elements of the division's 19th Gds Mocz Regt are located in the Panzerjaeger Kaserne, since the regimental was determined to be there possibly belongs to another component of the 8th Gds Mocz Div. Since the units mentioned above are still below the strength estimate of 2,000 troops, it is possible that the three remaining mentioned belong to units which are located in the installation.

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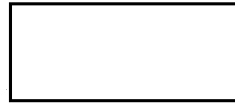
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**  Comment. The information on the Volkshaus, probably the Deutsches Haus on Puschkinstrasse, agrees with a previous report.

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***  Comment. The training field and the ammunition dump are reported for the first time.

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